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the laser device is operative to direct the laser beam generated thereby through the film toward the adhesive surface thereof to mark a surface of each electronic component that is mounted on said adhesive surface.

This claim is therefore patentable for the same reasons as claim 7.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

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